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Joint Resolution

To encourage increased international cooperation to protect biological diversity.

Oct. 25, 1988

[H.J. Res. 648]

Whereas habitat destruction is a main cause of the accelerating extinction of animal and plant species;

Whereas increased international cooperation is essential to protect species threatened with extinction and to halt the loss of unique and irreplaceable ecosystems; and

Whereas the United States has strongly supported efforts to convene an international convention for preservation of the Earth's biological diversity: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF POLICIES.

22 USC 2151q
note.

The Congress—

(1) supports the United States efforts, consistent with section 119(g) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, to initiate discussions to develop an international agreement to preserve biological diversity; and

(2) calls upon the President to continue exerting United States leadership in order to achieve the earliest possible negotiation of an international convention to conserve the Earth's biological diversity, including the protection of a representative system of ecosystems adequate to conserve biological diversity.

SEC. 2. REPORT.

22 USC 2151q
note.
President of U.S.

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this joint resolution, the President shall submit a report to the Congress on progress toward the goal of negotiating the international convention described in paragraph (2) of section 1.

Approved October 25, 1988.

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